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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 were presented in the application. Claims 1, 10, 15, 27, 35, and 41 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 10 are currently amended and claim 13 has been canceled.

Claims 1-6 and 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0152392 ("Hardy") in view of by U.S. Patent No. 4,799,258 ("Davies"). In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to include a limitation from claim 7 that is not disclosed or rendered obvious by Hardy and/or Davies, and independent claim 10 has been amended to include a limitation from claim 13 that is not disclosed or rendered obvious by Hardy and/or Davies. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 10, and all of their dependent claims, include at least one limitation that is not disclosed or rendered obvious by Hardy and/or Davies, and the withdrawal of the rejection of those claims is requested.

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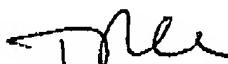
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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1-6 and 9-12 have been overcome, and that claims 1-12 and 14-44 are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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